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United Church

Church School, 2 p.m.
As Easter approaches, we are confronted as at no other time with the challenge of Jesus. We want to know the religion of Jesus Himself, that we may make his gracious power ours.
Public Worship, 7:30 p.m.
The Minister's message will be the first of a series entitled, "Jesus' Way of Living."
Make this your Church home and bring your friends.
N. W. Whitmore, Minister.

Forks

Public worship on Sunday next at 2 o'clock, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Anyone who desires to participate will be made welcome and all are urged to join in this service as appropriate with the approach of Easter.
Rev. N. W. Whitmore, Minister.

Viewfield

On Sunday morning next public worship will be held in Viewfield School, conducted by Rev. N. W. Whitmore. All residents within reach of this school are cordially invited to attend. Sermon for the children. Hour of worship, 11 a.m.

Ice Now Out of The Red Deer River

The ice in the Red Deer river went out on Saturday. Bill Pullon was on duty at the bridge and dynamited some large cakes which may possibly have caused danger to the bridge.

Hay and Grazing Lease

I have the following lands available for lease for hay and grazing purposes:
Sec. 8-21-1 w4, Sec. 8-20-2 w4, N.E. 8-21-3 w4, S.W. 8-22-2 w4, S.E. 20-22-1 w4, N.E. 20-20-2 w4, S.E. 8-21-2 w4, S.E. 20-22-2 w4, N.W. 1 and S.E. 20-23-2 w4.
D. McEachern, Empress, Alberta.

Cavendish Notes

The U.F.A. concert and dance which was held in the Hall on Friday, April 1st, was a good success. A large crowd was present, and all report it to be very enjoyable time. The Junior U.F.A. presented a play entitled, "Too Much of a Good Thing," which was very favorably received.

Oscar Eriksen, entertained about thirty of his friends on Friday evening, March 25. A game and dancing, and listening to radio musical selections. A mid-night luncheon was served.

The United Church

Easter Devotional Services

During the coming week, special Easter services will be held each evening in the United Church, commencing at eight o'clock. The meetings will be in charge of the minister, Rev. N. W. Whitmore, who will deliver a series of helpful messages on "Jesus' Way of Living." On Friday evening, which will be Good Friday, the Communion service will be held. These services are planned to deepen the religious experience of our people. We purpose confronting ourselves with the challenge of Jesus, "Follow Me." We hope to increase our loyalty to Jesus and his way of Living. The public generally are cordially invited to attend.

50th Battalion Association Banquet and Re-Union

Old Boys of the 50th Battalion C.E.F. are reminded of the Annual Re-union Banquet to be held in the Hudson's Bay Elizabethan Rooms, Calgary on Friday, April 8th.
The Secretary has received scores of letters from ex-members of that Unit, signifying their intention of being present at this function. The boys resident in Calgary are anticipating with eagerness the great pleasure they will derive from meeting their old comrades from outside points. An excellent programme has been arranged.

Look Over Railway Survey

That construction work on the new Gem railway branch will begin very soon was the opinion expressed by railway contractors who were out last Tuesday, looking over the survey before putting in the contract bids for the work.

A party of five, consisting of F. Mannix, of Calgary, and other contractors, came down from Calgary, on Monday, and Tuesday they were taken north by W. S. Hayford. At Gem, the party split into two groups, and went on by team, as the roads could not be travelled by car.

One group went east through the Sand Hills, and the other group went north to within a few miles of the Bull Pond.

Stifford, of Brooks, another contractor, accompanied by a Mr. Campbell, were also looking over the railway survey on Tuesday.

Where the Line Will Run

There is much conjecture as to where the new branch line will run and how much of it will be built this year. Reliable information on the subject seems to be lacking.

According to one report the main line will run north from near Rosemary, past the mill race and east, and on to the Bull Pond. From this line a spur will be built, running in a westerly direction to Gem. Another report predicts the new railway will branch off from near Rosemary and run directly into the Gem district. In any event, it is fairly certain Gem will have a railway this year, and the farmers of the Colony are looking forward to the day when a shipping point for their grain, livestock, and other farm products will be brought nearer home. — Basano Jinn.

Purchase Coal Mine

Brumfielder Mail says: An important business deal was closed last week, when J. N. Murray's interest in the Murray Collieries was purchased by the High Coal Co., Ltd. This property is located on Willow Creek, a few miles southeast of Rosedale, and considerable development work has been done by Mr. Murray during the past few years. The mine is now 100 feet from the railway at present, but coal has been mined each winter, since the slope was opened, and supplied to farmers in the district. The seam is seven feet in thickness with a sandstone floor and roof, is high

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Golf Meeting

A meeting of the Empress Golf Club took place in the hotel rotunda, on Friday, April 1. There was a very small attendance.

Officers elected were: E. L. Kuny, president; A. H. Storch, secretary; treasurer; D. McEachern, handicapper.

The fees for the season are: \$5.00 for gentlemen; ladies are to be allowed free use of the course.

Arrangements for sanding of the greens and arranging for tournament, was left with the officers of Club.

The Late Herbert McKay

The funeral took place at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 23, at N. Kamloops, B.C., of Herbert McKay, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kay. Deceased was 19 years of age, and died from a lingering illness. He was born at Medicine Hat. The last rites were administered by the Anglican Church and interment took place in Pleasant Street cemetery.

Besides his parents, deceased leaves to mourn his loss, three brothers and four sisters. Floral tributes were from, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Turner; Oliver, George and Margaret McKay, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelsky, Mrs. Mcgowan and Doris, Mr. and Mrs. Quille, Mr. and Mrs. Proulx and family, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and Father and Mother. Sincere sympathy is expressed for the bereaved ones.

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and dry, and the quality of the soil is of the best. The lease comprises approximately one section of coal land and is considered one of the best in the district.

The property is near the proposed Rosedale-Bull Pond extension of the joint line of the C.N. and C.P. railways, and it is the intention of the company to do considerable mine improvements when the road is built through.

Two parties of railway contractors and surveyors have been going over the line during the past ten days, but no official announcement has been made as to whether or not the work will be started this year.

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Empress Players Provide Enjoyable Entertainment In Presentation of Play

The Empress Players presented to a large audience, on Wednesday, March 30, the three-act farcical comedy, "The Jury of Our Peers." The cast included thirty members taking the entirety of the stage, and possibly dividing the settings to the lively advantage of the players.

The play furnished an appeal in that the plot was totally different to former presentations, and the large cast included a closer personal touch with the audience. Under these circumstances it would savor of invidiousness to attempt to select any of the members, men or women, for special mention, after a number of splendidly characterized characters. However, this would call for an analysis of the whole cast, as we hold to this opinion also in regard to the less ambitious impersonations, and this would reveal the fact, that many of the humorous situations were missed, or not brought out to their full extent. Collectively the ladies were superior to the men in their portrayals, which were on the whole more finished, although everyone apparently had their parts well memorized and made sincere efforts to live into the play.

The audience were appreciative and got several good laughs during the performance, apparently being well pleased with the entertainment provided, demonstrating this with hearty hand clapping. Between acts a vocal solo was very acceptably given by Mrs. J. McNeill, while pleasing instrumental numbers were rendered by Mrs. J. N. Anderson at the piano and Mr. J. McNeill, violin.

However, one cannot overlook the fact of the work of the players in a cast containing so many characters and the large amount of time necessarily spent by those on whom the management of the production devolved; and all are to be complimented on the success attained.

Egg Settings

Pure bred White Wyandottes—Setting of 15 eggs for a \$1.00—Apply to Ed. McEune, Empress.

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Empress Theatre

Friday, April 15th

Bebe decides to "show 'em"

"The Campus Flirt"

Starring

Bebe Daniels

The story of a pampered college girl, plunged into university life. She is snobbish and made to like it.

Admission, 25c and 50c

Anglican Church

St. Mary's Church:

GOOD FRIDAY, April 15th. 11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Litany and Ante-Communion. (There will be a short practice of the Easter music after this service.)

7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and preparation for Easter Communion.

EASTER DAY, April 17th.

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (said).

11 a.m. Holy Communion (choral). (Holy Communion at an earlier hour can be arranged, if desired by anyone unable to come at 11 a.m.)

12:15 p.m. Children's Service. J. Bowles' Farm, Service at 3 p.m.

Estuary school, Service at 7 p.m.

L. J. Tatham, Priest-in-charge

You Who Are Young

You who are young, it is you, it is you, Who must make the dreams of the world come true.

You who are young have a world to build: The future shall be what you have willed.

Learn and practice, plan and do; Hold to a vision and shape it true; And you'll find at last that a dream or two

Because of you, because of you, Has out of the mist and the dark, come true! Heed what you build with hand and tongue:

You who are young, you who are young, —Mary Carolyn Davies.



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Saar Valley Commission Report Is Accepted After Much Discussion

Geneva.—Following the meeting of the League of Nations council at which the report of the commission governing the Saar Valley was accepted, a private sitting was held at which Major George W. Stephens, Montreal, was re-elected temporary chairman and the other members re-elected for another year. It is stated that Major Stephens will serve only until another Canadian suitable for the position can be secured.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Minister, contributed largely to the satisfactory solution of the difficulties concerning passage of the commission's report. He pointed out the resolution of the League in the Saar to show that it was a railway defence force of international character. In place of the French troops now there, in a war and emergency, he showed French Minister Stresemann of Germany, the necessity of establishing an international force such as Herr Stresemann proposed and was finally successful in having the report adopted unanimously.

Adoption of the report has safeguarded the prestige of the League and more or less satisfied the project of nations concerned. Stresemann can show Berlin his efforts to secure mitigation of the settlement and French Minister Briand of France carried his point of upholding the authority of the Saar governing body.

Dominions Agree On New Pacific Cable

Canada's Representative on Board Will Likely be Chairman
London.—The Daily Express states that an agreement has been reached between the Governments of Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand on the ownership of the Pacific Cable Board, on which the four dominions are represented. The chairmanship will be offered to Sir Campbell Stuart, a native of Montreal and director of the Times Publishing Company.

Blizzard Hits Colorado
Denver, Oct. 4.—A blizzard in South-east Colorado delayed trains, blocked highways and blizzards of snow in Silverton and Durango. San Juan Valley mining communities, to re-establish transportation have received a month's pay in snow. The new bill now pending on teachers for needed supplies must wait until work when an ample supply succeeded in reaching them.

Makes First Speech
Quebec.—Honourable Pilon, Liberal M.P., for Val-de-Richelieu, has made his first speech in the House of Commons seven years ago. He has represented Val-de-Richelieu in the House. He advocated more precautionary steps of cattle imported into the province.

Influenza in Russia
Geneva.—The influenza epidemic now has attacked Russia, says a League of Nations health bulletin. The disease is continuing in Ireland and Scotland, but decreasing elsewhere in Europe.

Claims Railway Rates In West Are Reasonable For Service Rendered

OWEN.—The great development in the province has been in itself strong and standard proof that the transportation rates are fair and reasonable for the service rendered, was the argument advanced by Frank J. Watson, freight traffic inspector at the general freight rates investigation before the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Watson took up the rate asked as it affects the farmer, and declared the railways have a deep interest in the development of the livestock industry, particularly in the West, but the rates today are lower, he claimed, than might be considered reasonable, having regard to all existing conditions, and that they are in any fairness be restored rather at the present time.

Proceeding to discuss the general application of the Canadian railway

Interim Pool Payment

\$27,000,000 Being Distributed to Farmers in Three Prairie Provinces

Regina, Sask.—The Canadian Co-operative Wheat Producers' Limited, central selling agency for the three prairie wheat pools, announces that the first interim payment for the 1925-26 crop is being mailed from the offices of the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta pools. The amount of the payment is officially stated to be five per bushel for spring wheat and spring wheat mixtures, 25c per bushel for durum wheat and durum wheat mixtures, 10c per bushel on all grades of barley, 12c per bushel on all grades of flax. A total of \$27,000,000 is thus distributed to prairie farmers in the three provinces, according to Mr. McNeill.

Saskatchewan's share of the \$27,000,000 being distributed at a rate of the interim wheat pool payment on the 1925-26 crop amounts to be \$11,500,000 and \$13,000,000 according to an official statement issued by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Wheat Producers' Limited.

Mr. McNeill paid special attention to the fact that this huge sum of money, scattered widely among Saskatchewan farmers just prior to the beginning of the marketing season, is the pool system of marketing, which was absolutely unknown prior to the organization of the pools in 1925 and 1926. The beneficial effect of these payments is not only recognized and greatly appreciated by pool farmers, but also by the recognized bankers and stockholders alike.

Suggests Tablets To Commemorate Jubilee

Would Carry Message of Confederation Throughout Canada Says Ontario M.P.

Ontario.—A special committee of confederation could be brought home to every elector in the Dominion best by the placing of a bronze tablet in every town and city. The beneficial effect of these payments is not only recognized and greatly appreciated by pool farmers, but also by the recognized bankers and stockholders alike.

Withdraw From Dog Derby
Prince Albert.—Earl St. Germain, The Pass, Man., officially withdrew from the 100 mile dog derby, when his dog was in such bad shape that they were unable to finish. Asked why he had not decided to fight it out with Whiskey, Earl remarked: "My dog's been more to me than the girl who wins the race."

Went Higher Wages
Winnipeg.—Employees of the Canadian National Express Company, representing 2,500 from coast to coast, have served notice of a demand for higher wages on officials of the company. The exact amount of the general increase cannot be stated, although it is thought to be an average of approximately 20 per cent.

Urges New Treaty Practice

British Foreign Secretary Asks Negotiation Between Heads of States

Geneva.—An echo of the last Imperial Conference was sounded in the League of Nations council when Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, asked the League to abolish the practice of negotiating treaties between states and authorities that of treaties between heads of states. He explained that his statement was made at the request of the British and Dominion governments. It did not mean that the Dominions would lose their prerogative of appointing or rejecting treaties but that acceptance of treaties by Great Britain and the Dominions would be facilitated.

Ottawa.—The statement made by Sir Austen Chamberlain in the council of the League of Nations at the form of signature which it was hoped would be adopted for the British Empire in signing League documents, is in line with the decision arrived at during the Imperial conference. The Canadian Government also received detailed information as to Mr. Chamberlain's statement.

Britain Cuts Navy Estimate

Expenditure Will Be \$500,000 Less Than Last Year

London.—Great Britain's navy estimate for 1927, call for an expenditure of \$25,000,000. This is a decrease of \$500,000 compared with last year. The estimate provides for a total personnel of 192,725, a decrease of 100.

In a statement accompanying the estimate Mr. C. H. B. Robinson, first lord of the admiralty, points out that the provision for new construction was increased from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000, and the fleet size division from \$2,000,000 to \$2,500,000. Two economies were effected in other directions as well as in the provision for new construction. During 1927, two new battleships replacing four scrapped in accordance with the Washington agreement will go in the Atlantic fleet. They are the Nassau and Rodney.

London Worker Has Terrifying Experience

Was Swept Into Sewer by Rush of Water and Carried Down Blocks

London.—A workman engaged in sewer work in Chancery Lane had a terrifying experience when a sudden rush of water swept him into the sewer. From Chancery Lane he was swept into the sewer, and carried down blocks. The workman was carried down blocks. The workman was carried down blocks.

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Would Amend British North America Act

J. S. Woodsworth Suggests Committee Be Appointed to Change Constitution

Ottawa.—A special committee "to consider what amendments might be made to the British North America Act which, while conserving the principles of confederation would enable us more adequately to cope with the complicated problems which now confront the Dominion," was proposed in the House of Commons by J. S. Woodsworth, Labor, Winnipeg North Centre.

Mr. Woodsworth gave as reasons for his proposal:

A.—The constitutional development of the last 20 years.
B.—The administration of certain provinces.

C.—The changed conditions in the Dominion, commerce and finance not contemplated at the time of Confederation.

D.—The action of the Senate in preventing the enactment of popular legislation.
In proposing his resolution Mr. Woodsworth declared Canada had no way of changing its own constitution, and in this regard it was inferior to South Africa, Australia and the Netherlands. He spoke of a "very widespread feeling" in the West that there would be an inevitable break of confederation with the other parts of Canada on some other basis.

Engine Trouble Ends Trans-Atlantic Flight

Oil Pipe in Motor Blocked Says Message From Uruguay Pilot

Madrid.—Paralysis of an oil pipe in the motor of his plane brought the Trans-Atlantic expedition of Major Gordon Larrie-Burgess, Englishman, to an abrupt end while he was flying from Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, to Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He made this known in a brief message received by the Canadian minister through the Irish consul at Cape Cod. The message said the engine of the oil pipe to function made it necessary to stop and that the plane was destroyed when it alighted.

Quebec Women Denied Franchise

Bill to Give Women Vote in Provincial Election Is Defeated

Quebec.—Women's suffrage failed badly in the Quebec Legislature last night when a bill to give them the vote in provincial elections being defeated on second reading, 51 to 12. The speeches were very brief, coming on either side some of the general reasons advanced in favor of women's votes and against. Victor Bourgeois, Liberal of Jacques Cartier, sponsored the bill. Both Thériault and Mr. St. Laurent voted against. Hon. Hughes Meek, Hon. Alphonse David, Hon. J. Lapierre and Hon. J. N. Brien voted for the bill.

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Public Building Estimates Totalling Over 7 Million Pass House of Commons

Think Britain Favors War Craft Limitations

Officials at Washington Believe in Ultimate Success of Plan

Washington.—London and Tokyo news agencies clearly indicating that Great Britain and Japan will accept the Codrington proposal for a conference with the United States at Geneva, this summer an auxiliary war craft limitation are taken by officials here to mean that such a project ultimately will be brought about.

While there has not been much talk of the Japanese attitude toward such an arrangement, British officials in the past generally have been skeptical. Any limitation of submarine craft as long as her own submarine neighbors retained to limit submarine construction and officials have looked to Great Britain to remove the greatest obstacle in the way of a three-power pact.

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Geneva dispatches carried the additional information that Great Britain would insist on limiting the three-power pact with France and Italy not exceeding certain tonnage in cruisers, submarines and torpedo boats.

Would Reform Senate

Newly Appointed Senators Are Favorable to Proposed Changes

Ottawa.—Hon. R. B. Bennett, Government leader in the Senate, in answer to questions by Senators McCrear and Turner, on proposals given on Senate reform by recently appointed members, made the following statement:

"The majority of the Liberal Party on the question of Senate reform was pronounced in favor of the two last general elections by the leader of the Liberal Party, the present Prime Minister."

"The question generally asked whether recently appointed members of the Senate have borne upon their views concerning that question of Senate reform."

"The members of the Liberal Party and adherents to its policy, they have not hesitated to declare they were favorable to a reform of the Senate which would bring the chamber nearer the modern and democratic conception of a second chamber, with equal powers to the first chamber, changes would be introduced and carried on in conformity with the principles of the constitution."

Stays at Post Post

Paris.—It is reported here that Major George Washington Stevens, Canadian Minister to France, has resigned as president of the governing commission of the Saar Valley until another Canadian with a knowledge of French and German can be found to replace him.

Recommend Extensive Changes In Service To Put Curb On Smuggling

Ottawa.—Extensive changes in the preventive service against smuggling, including the increase of the personnel from 92 to 129 on land and the addition of five armed motor boats are recommended in the report of the advisory and consultative committee on the extensive preventive service recommendation, called in the House of Commons by Hon. W. A. Ridd, minister of customs and excise.

"The preventive service should be strengthened greatly by building this permanent satisfactory control of smuggling into this country. It is to be expected," said the committee. The report said that the 12 boats of the crews of 124 at present owned by the service have average speed from six to fifteen knots per hour. These vessels are "completely outmoded" in speed and size by the vessels owned by liquor smugglers which make this proposal.

It is proposed that two vessels and two fast launches should be provided as the minimum equipment as soon as possible. They should have a top speed of 24 knots, a minimum speed of 16 knots, wireless, powerful searchlights, auxiliary motor boats, and three motor or larger cuts. The cuts should total 155 officers and men, an increase of 142, and the capital outfit is estimated at \$200,000, and the operating expense at \$140,000.

"We must strongly recommend that the selection be made by the Civil Service Commission and the chief of the preventive service," states the committee.

The estimated capital and operating expenditures of the preventive service as it is proposed would total \$1,142,728 and in the event of one aircraft being put into service for six months in accordance with offer of the Royal Canadian Air Force, an additional \$60,000 would be added.

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